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OPI AIDS PROGRAM STAFF

The Office of Public Instruction's AIDS Program has recently gone through some staff changes. Rick Chiotti has been named the new director of the AIDS program. Chiotti enters the position with a wealth of experience and knowledge after having been the director of the AIDS Program at the State Department of Health since its inception in 1986. Chiotti will also be involved in the Drug-Free Schools Program in an administrative role.

Carrie Magill joins Chiotti and Laurie Volesky as the program's administrative assistant. Magill will be responsible for resource correspondence with Montana's schools and all related administrative support activities.

The Office of Public Instruction is pleased to have the addition of these two staff members and offers the invitation to you to please utilize the services of the AIDS Education Program.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/HIV INFECTION POLICY GUIDELINES

The Office of Public Instruction's AIDS Education Department and the OPI Legal Department have recently completed the GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL POLICIES IN MONTANA SCHOOLS.

These recommendations are to be used as a guide and model policy for communicable diseases including HIV infection concerning the students and staff members of Montana schools. Included in the guidelines are general recommendations pertaining to communicable diseases; a suggested policy that can be implemented in all Montana schools; protocol for communicable diseases known not to be spread by casual contact; recommendations by the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Services for preventing the transmission of HIV in the school setting; confidentiality issues concerning students and staff members; and resource materials available to Montana schools regarding policy information.

The guidelines will be mailed to Montana schools in March and additional copies are available from the OPI AIDS Education Program.

AIDS EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTS

The AIDS Education Program has developed K-12 supplemental lesson plans to be distributed to all schools in Montana. The supplement will include activities appropriate for each grade level and will list resources available to educators. The types of activities will involve group work activities, lecture formats, worksheets and activities involving research in and out of the classroom.

The supplement will be mailed to Montana schools in March, and the OPI AIDS Program staff asks that the supplement is made available to all educators involved in AIDS Education and to all other interested persons. Since there is no problem with copyright laws concerning this publication, please feel free to make as many copies as are necessary for distribution in each school.

REGIONAL AIDS TRAININGS

The OPI AIDS Program will be conducting regional workshops in seven areas of Montana during the month of April and the first weeks of May. The trainings are being offered to all school administrators, K through 12 school educators, school board members and parents. The dates and locations of the workshops are as follows:

April 6—Havre
April 12—Lewistown
April 19—Wolf Point
April 20—Miles City
April 26—Fairmont Hot Springs
May 3—Columbus
May 10—Polson

Superintendents and principals will be asked to choose two participants from their communities/schools to attend the workshop in their area. The OPI AIDS program will reimburse the school for substitute costs and lunch.

The workshops will focus on the development of AIDS curricula, the development of legal AIDS policies for schools, confidentiality issues, classroom activities for students, an AIDS 101 session, resource materials and a question and answer period. Please plan to attend the workshop in your area. It will be an informative and valuable experience.

More information on the exact locations in each area and registration forms will be sent to all superintendents and principals in the forthcoming weeks.

TRAIN THE TRAINERS WORKSHOP

The OPI Train the Trainers Workshop was held in December in Helena. Fifteen people participated in the workshop activities which included sessions on homophobia and homosexuality, policy and human rights, curriculum implementation, psychosocial issues concerning AIDS, the transmission and prevention of AIDS, and resource information.

The participants' responsibilities consist of being resource persons available for school or community events requiring AIDS information and/or assistance and acting as a liaison between the OPI and Montana schools and communities. The list of participants are as follows:

ANDREA BEDDES—Centerville High School
GWEN BOLSTAD—Culbertson Schools
ALLEN BONE—Whittier Elementary, Butte
RHONDA BOYLE—State Department of Health AIDS Program
RICHARD CLOWER—Carbon County Superintendent
ANN FORD—OPI Elementary Curriculum Specialist
DORIS GANNON—Centerville High School
MONA LANGSTON—Huntley Project School
JOAN MIHALOVICH—Augusta Schools
MILLIE NESLADEK—Polson Schools
WILLIAM PETERSON—Cascade High School
KARL ROOSA—Powell County Superintendent
DENISE SEILSTAD—Denton Schools
CHARLOTTE TACKE—Fairfield Schools
LOREN TACKE—Fairfield Schools

Please utilize the services these people can provide to your area and school.

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AIDS EDUCATION SURVEYS

The Office of Public Instruction's AIDS Education Program has contracted the services of an evaluation and surveillance team to conduct an evaluation of the Montana OPI AIDS Education Program and to develop and implement surveys for Montana school administrators, educators and students. The evaluation and surveys are required through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) cooperative agreement which currently funds the AIDS Education Program.

The surveys will be administered in March. Your full cooperation is requested as these surveys will provide both the CDC and the state of Montana with valuable information concerning AIDS education in Montana, and will enable the OPI to determine additional needs and requirements of Montana schools.

1990 MONTANA AIDS CONFERENCE

The second Montana State AIDS conference will be held March 22 and 23, 1990, on the MSU Campus in Bozeman. The conference will have different tracks including education, policy and medical information. Presenters on the national, state and local levels will offer a variety of workshops concerning AIDS issues in diverse disciplines.

The conference is being sponsored by OPI, the State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Burroughs Wellcome. The cost for the two-day conference is \$30.00 for both days or \$20.00 for one day. For more information concerning the conference, registration or lodging, please contact: Continuing Education for the Health Professional, 318 Montana Hall, MSU, Bozeman, MT 59717 or call 406-994-4930.

*MONTANA RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT AIDS CASES Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Definitive and Presumptive AIDS Cases Surveillance Report 12-1-89 to 12-31-89

1. Disease Category	Cases (%)	Adult/Adolescent		2. Age	Cases (%)
		Deaths (%)			
PCP	28 (49)	18 (51)		Under 13	0 (0)
Other Disease w/o PCP	26 (46)	17 (49)		13-19	0 (0)
KS Alone	3 (5)	0 (0)		20-29	18 (32)
No Diseases Listed	0 (0)	0 (0)		30-39	25 (43)
Total	57 (100)	35 (100)		40-49	9 (16)
				Over 49	5 (9)
				Unknown	0 (0)
				Total	57 (100)

3. Race/Ethnicity	Adult/Adolescent	
	Cases (%)	
White, Not Hispanic	52 (90)	
Black, Not Hispanic	1 (2)	
Hispanic	2 (4)	
Native American	2 (4)	
Unknown	0 (0)	
Total	57 (100)	

4. Patient Groups	Males (%)	Adult/Adolescent		Total (%)
		Females (%)		
Homosexual or Bisexual Men	34 (64)	0 (0)		34 (59)
Intravenous (IV) Drug User	6 (12)	0 (0)		6 (11)
Homo/Bi IV Drug User	6 (12)	0 (0)		6 (11)
Hemophilic	3 (6)	0 (0)		3 (5)
Heterosexual Contact	0 (0)	4 (80)		4 (7)
Transfusion with Blood/ Products	0 (0)	0 (0)		0 (0)
None of the Above/Other	3 (6)	1 (20)		4 (7)
Total	52 (100)	5 (100)		57 (100)

Source: Montana AIDS Program, MDHES, through December 31, 1989.

*Includes 41 Montana AIDS cases and 16 cases reported to Centers for Disease Control from other states who are living in Montana.

As of December 31, 1989 there have been 236 positive HIV tests from 18,211 tests conducted through the MDHES Public Health Laboratory. Nationally, as of November 30, 1989, 115,158 cases of AIDS and 68,441 deaths have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control.

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